

REMARKS

Claims 4 through 11 and 15 through 24 remain pending in the application. Claim 5, 6, and 15 are the only independent claims present in the application. Claims 4 through 11 and 15 through 24 heretofore on file were allowed prior to filing of a Request for Continued Examination on even date.

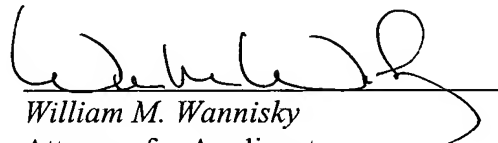
The specification has been amended to place such in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 15 have been amended to even more succinctly claim the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims and that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

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